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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An electromagnetic relay in which a moving contact plate and fixed contact plates are juxtaposed with one another on a base, a moving iron plate is rotated on the basis of magnetization/demagnetization of a coil block put on said base to reciprocate a card in a horizontal direction, and said moving contact plate is allowed to undergo elastic deformation so that a moving contact provided to said moving contact plate is brought into

contact with and out of contact from fixed contacts provided to said fixed contact plates,

wherein:

each corner at the top of said moving contact plate is bent into an upper component and lower component in such a fashion as to form card acceptance portions, and a distal end portion of said card is brought into <u>direct</u> contact with an inner surface of said card acceptance portions.

2. (Original) An electromagnetic relay according to claim 1, wherein said card has a guide portion for guiding said card acceptance portions formed on said moving contact plate from

both sides.

- 3. (Original) An electromagnetic relay according to claim 2, wherein said card has a reduced thickness portion guided by said card acceptance portions, and ribs reinforcing said reduced thickness portion guide said card acceptance portions.
- 4. (Previously Presented) An electromagnetic relay according to claim 1, wherein said fixed contact plate is interposed between said moving contact plate and said coil block so that a

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bent portion at a distal end thereof is positioned above a push-in position of said moving contact plate, and said card acceptance portion of said moving contact plate has an escape portion for allowing insertion of said fixed contact plate.

- 5. (Previously Presented) An electromagnetic relay according to claim 2, wherein said fixed contact plate is interposed between said moving contact plate and said coil block so that a bent portion at a distal end thereof is positioned above a push-in position of said moving contact plate, and said card acceptance portion of said moving contact plate has an escape portion for allowing insertion of said fixed contact plate.
- 6. (Previously Presented) An electromagnetic relay according to claim 3, wherein said fixed contact plate is interposed between said moving contact plate and said coil block so that a bent portion at a distal end thereof is positioned above a push-in position of said moving contact plate, and said card acceptance portion of said moving contact plate has an escape portion for allowing insertion of said fixed contact plate.